THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) and (b) No case complete in all respects eligible for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension duly verified and recommended by the State Governments is pending in the Ministry, except 1182 verification reports received recently from Government of Andhra Pradesh in respect of cases recommended by the Hyderabad Special Screening Committee relating to Hyderabad Liberation Movement, as on 31.10.2003. While efforts are made to dispose of these cases as early as possible no time frame can be indicated.

(c) On a specific complaint passed on to CBI by MHA that two staff members of Freedom Fighters Division of MHA had demanded bribe for clearing a pension cases of a freedom fighter, CBI had laid a trap to nab them red-handed. One of them, Shri Harbhajan Dass, Assistant, was caught red-handed on 25.07.2003. A case has been registered against the officials under the relevant provisions of the IPC/ Prevention of Corruption Act.

Communal Clashes

150. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of communal clashes, that took place all over India during 1998—2003;

(b) the number of persons killed in those incidence; and

(c) the quantum of property loss in terms of money in those incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, this information is not maintained centrally by the Government.

Invitation to Hurriyat Leaders for Discussions

151. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have decided to invite Hurriyat leaders for discussions with him on Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what has been the response of Hurriyat leaders?